



PROVINCIAL COLOURS CRITERIA 2026

ALL PROVINCES

Each Province will hold NO LESS than 4 qualifying shows during the year, with 12 qualifying shows being the maximum. In order for riders to qualify for selection and participation at the National Championships, riders have to adhere to the following criteria and principles:

- 1) Only riders in good standing with their clubs, SAWMGA and the SAEF will be eligible for selection.
- 2) Riders with the best overall scores will be considered for selection. A rider must have competed with the same horse – rider combination **in no less than** 11 of the 13 SAWMGA events to be eligible for Team selection.
- 3) Riders must have competed in at least 2 qualifiers in the province where they are eligible for selection.
- 4) Riders may participate in as many horse-rider combinations and levels as they choose during the season's annual qualifiers.
- 5) Best Times achieved per game will be added and updated throughout the year on a Provincial Combined Scoresheet using the official SAWMGA scoring program with all thirteen games listed.
- 6) A rider qualifying for Nationals will be entered into the National Levels on the scoresheet program according to their best times, as achieved in the qualifying shows and as determined by the published SAWMGA Rating Matrix.
- 7) The combination's level to be competed on at Nationals will be determined by calculating the times achieved per level. If 8, or more, out of the 13 events' times of a combination are in a higher level, that rider will be moved to the correct higher level. If a combination has not achieved the minimum of 8 out of the 13 events' times in the current level, they should be moved to the correct lower level as determined by the current official SAWMGA Scoresheet Program.

- 8) Riders will be ranked according to their BEST-OVERALL scores, considering all 13 SAWMGA games.
- 9) Should a rider have competed in a game, but a double NT were achieved, 200 seconds will be awarded for that game on the final combined Provincial Scoresheet.
- 10) If a rider did not take part in a game a NT will be awarded for that game on the final combined Provincial Scoresheet.

11) CONFEDERATION COLOURS (Provincial Colours)

- a) All L4 combinations for a specific age group and gender will be placed on a scoresheet for team calculations with points allocation equal to the size of the group.
- b) Riders will be selected according to their age groups which are (based on your age as of 1 January of the applicable year):
 - Children – All riders 13 years old and younger.
 - Juniors – Riders from ages 14 to 17 years old.
 - Seniors – Riders from ages 18 to 44 years old.
 - Veterans – Riders aged 45 years and older.
- c) Colours will be awarded to the:
 - Top 6 Children Boys
 - Top 6 Children Girls
 - Top 6 Junior Boys
 - Top 6 Junior Girls
 - Top 6 Senior Ladies
 - Top 6 Senior Men
 - Top 6 Veteran Ladies
 - Top 6 Veteran Men

12) ASSOCIATION COLOURS (Provincial SAWMGA Colours)

- All horse-rider combinations that qualified in L3 and L4 not selected under point number 10.
- 10 best ranked L2 combinations per age group
- 5 best ranked L1 combinations per age group
- 5 best ranked L0 combinations per age group

13) NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- For Lead Rein:
 - For each province, the top 5 riders in the Children age group.
- For Levels 0 and 1:
 - For each province, the top 5 riders per age group per level.
- For Level 2:

- For each province, the top 10 riders per age group.
 - Level 3 & 4:
 - All Level 3 and 4 riders are selected and will enter and compete according to the defined age groups.
 - Disabled Riders:
 - Disabled riders will be selected as before and will compete in a lead class of their own.
- 14) If there is a tie for the LAST position in any team, the horse-rider combination with the highest score at the last show attended by the rider will take preference. If still tied, the highest aggregate score from the last 2 shows attended will take preference.
- 15) The Selectors are the SAWMGA Provincial Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer in office, who will select Provincial teams and **submit these to the SAWMGA Management Committee for final approval and publication.**
- 16) Teams will be published in order of their rankings
- 17) The selectors maintain the right to:
- a) place a minimum standard of competence/scoring at the shows in order to be eligible for selection to take part in the Nationals.
 - b) place riders per class from the designated Previously Disadvantaged Individuals (PDI) group, as defined in applicable South African transformation and Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (BBBEE) legislation, for the purpose of development, as well as the right to place a rider-horse combination, that have met the selection criteria as outlined above, in a specific level, provided that such placement does not have a negative effect on any other rider.
 - c) consider the following, but are not limited to these exceptions when selecting the Provincial Teams:
 - i) Social Restrictions
 - ii) Acts of Nature
 - iii) Small and new Provinces starting Western Mounted Games
 - iv) Logistical Restrictions in very large provinces
- 18) The decision of the selectors is final, and no correspondence will be entered to after teams have been selected.
- 19) NO substitutions in teams will be allowed after entries have closed.
- 20) NO substitution of horses will be allowed to compete at the National Championships as selections are done for the HORSE-RIDER COMBINATION, and not just the rider or horse as an individual.